

REMARKS

Claims 35-57 are pending in the present application. Claims 36, 47 and 52 have been canceled herein and new dependent claims 58 and 59 have been added herein. Claims 35-57 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). In the April 2 Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 35-57 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,940,831 (Takano) in view of U.S. Patent 5,924,090 (Krellenstein). In light of the amendments to the claims and the arguments made below, the Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Independent Claim 35 is directed to a system for accessing and presenting information on a graphical user interface relating to assets of an organization where the assets comprise processes and procedures of the organization. Likewise, independent Claim 46 is directed to a method of accessing and presenting stored assets of an organization on a user interface where the assets comprise processes and procedures of the organization. In accordance with the system and method of Claims 35 and 46, the assets have profiles associated therewith that include a plurality of hierarchal identifiers that, in turn, include a plurality of tier designations associated with particular organizational levels within the organization. The tier designations are included on at least one interactive screen display that is accessed over a data network and are selectable therefrom. In response to a user selected tier designation, the profiles are searched and the assets having associated profiles including the selected tier designation are identified. One or more pages that include selected data for the identified assets are dynamically generated. The selected data for the identified assets is further selectable by a system user and associated data for the identified assets is presentable to the user. The associated data includes a document version of the asset and any change requests associated with the asset.

In contrast with the system and method of Claims 35 and 46, Takano discloses a hypermedia system operating in a network environment that comprises one or more servers for storing node data and its link data. The system in Takano further includes the functionality to display node data obtained from the server and directory information obtained from the directory server. The hypermedia system of Takano further includes a retrieval means to select appropriate data and any secondary information from the directory information storage means.

Krellenstein discloses a method and apparatus for searching a database of records and organizing the search results into relevant categories. Search results are dynamically compiled in an

HTML page and then presented as links on the generated page where a user may then select the link to view the item.

Applicant's invention is not disclosed in and is not rendered obvious in light of the cited art because both references lack a number of important features of Applicant's invention as claimed in independent Claims 35 and 46. Among other differences with Applicant's invention, neither Takano or Krellenstein disclose assets comprising processes and procedures of an organization having profiles associated therewith that include hierarchal identifiers that include tier designations associated with organizational levels within the organization. They also do not teach searching profiles associated with assets comprising processes and procedures of an organization to identify those assets including a selected one of the tier designations. Nor do they teach dynamic generation of pages that include selected data for the identified assets where the selected data for the identified assets is further selectable by a system user and at least a document version of the asset and any change requests associated with the asset are presentable to the user. Given the above noted deficiencies with Takano and Krellenstein, these references cannot be combined to achieve Applicant's invention.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicant believes that independent Claims 35 and 46 and all claims depending directly or indirectly therefrom are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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